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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**Applicant(s):** Hiroshi Yoshikawa et al. **Examiner:** Michael P. Alexander**Application No.:** 10/636,150 **Confirmation No.:** 1804**Filed:** August 7, 2003 **Group Art Unit:** 1742**For:** **METHOD AND DEVICE FOR FORMING A DYNAMIC PRESSURE-GENERATING GROOVE IN A FLUID DYNAMIC PRESSURE BEARING**

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to the Office Action of April 24, 2006 for the above-identified patent application.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS☒ A fee for additional claims is not required.☐ A fee for additional claims is required.

The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	3	- 20	= 0	x \$50.00	= \$0.00
Independent Claims	1	- 3	= 0	x \$200.00	= \$0.00
First Presentation of a Multiple Dependent Claim				+ \$360.00	= \$0.00

TOTAL = \$0.00

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$XXX in payment of the fee for additional claims is transmitted herewith.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.20 in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0675, Order No. 051319.0045. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION OF APRIL 24, 2006

Sir:

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action of April 24, 2006. Shortened statutory period for reply expired on June 24, 2006 (Saturday). Accordingly, this Response is being timely filed. In reply to the Office Action dated April 24, 2006 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants hereby request consideration of the following:

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS reflected under the heading Listing of Claims, beginning on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS beginning on page 4 of this paper.